

# Arkansas

## Crop Progress and Condition

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### General

Of the 36 weather stations, 30 reported precipitation for the week with Gilbert receiving the most at 1.55 inches. Gilbert was more 23 inches above normal precipitation for the year, with five other locations at more than ten inches above normal precipitation. Temperatures were above normal as high temperatures ranged from 86 degrees Fahrenheit in Batesville to 95 degrees Fahrenheit in Eudora. Low temperatures ranged from 45 degrees Fahrenheit in Gilbert to 60 degrees Fahrenheit in Eudora. Topsoil moisture supplies were 10 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. The number of days suitable for field work was 6.2.

### Crop

Corn producers had the entire corn crop planted, but they were about a week behind the 5-year average. Corn emergence increased to 96 percent, which put corn emergence three weeks behind last year's crop and two weeks behind the 5-year average. Cotton producers planted an additional 23 percent of the crop last week to reach 90 percent and were above the 5-year average for the first time this season. Cotton emerged increased 21 percent to reach 65 percent. Rice producers had 90 percent of the crop planted but were two weeks behind the 5-year average. Rice emerged, at 71 percent, was 24 percent behind 2007 and 21 percent behind the 5-year average. Sorghum producers planted an additional 21 percent of the crop to reach 92 percent planted. Sorghum emerged, at 67 percent, was 31 percent behind last year and 22 percent behind the 5-year average. Soybean farmers had 41 percent of the crop planted by the end of the week but were about two weeks behind the 5-year average. The soybean crop was 26 percent emerged, 24 percent behind the 2007 crop and 23 percent behind the 5-year average. Corn, cotton, rice, sorghum, and winter wheat were in mostly fair to good condition. Farmers were applying fertilizer and herbicides to crops when field conditions allowed. For other crops, melons had fungicides applied, tomatoes were tied, and strawberries continued to be harvested.

### Livestock

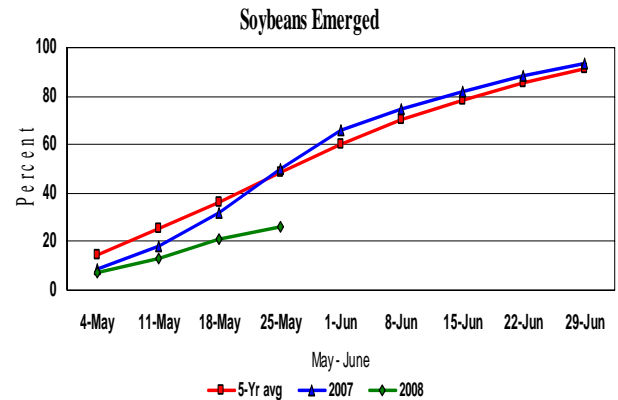
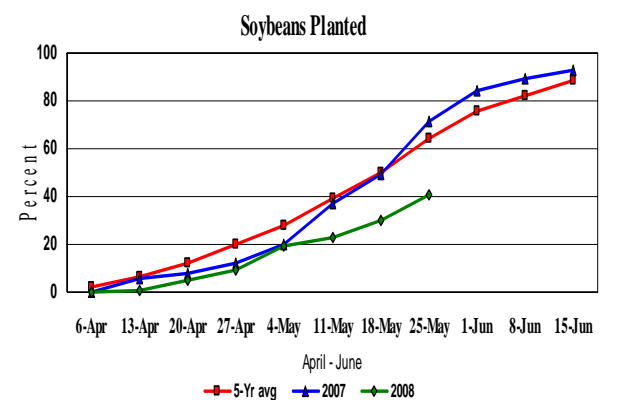
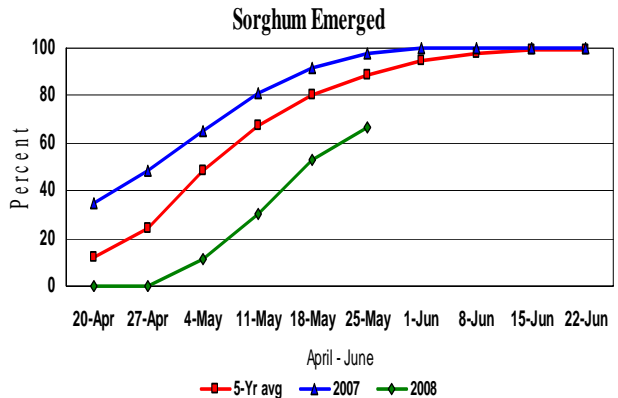
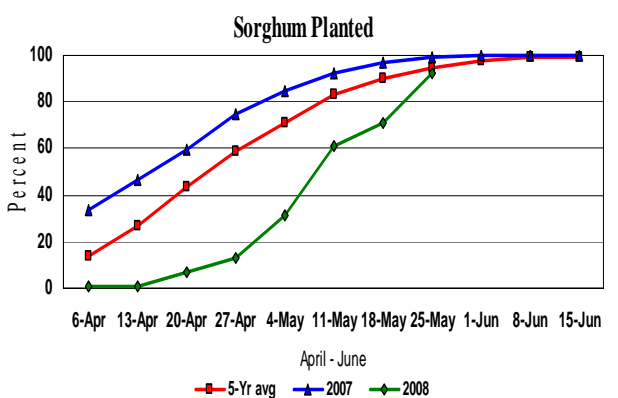
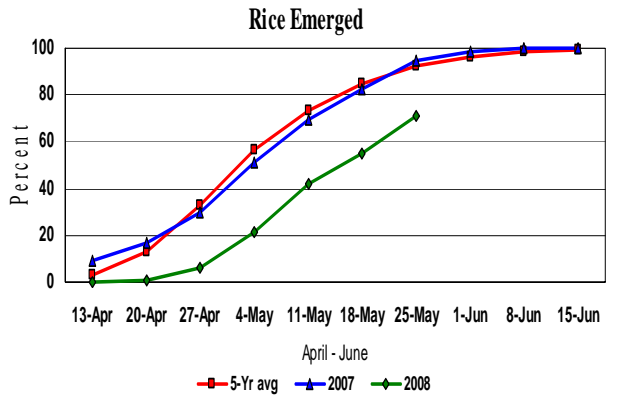
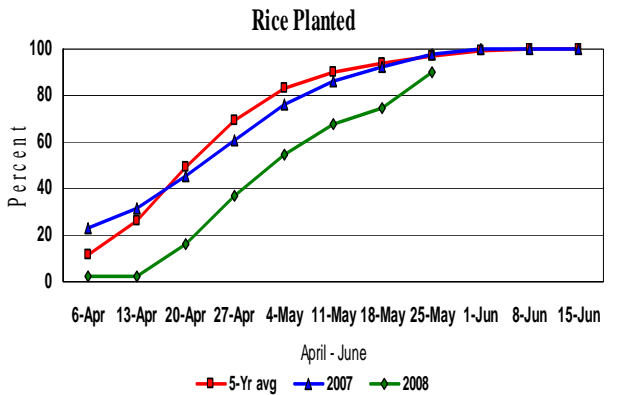
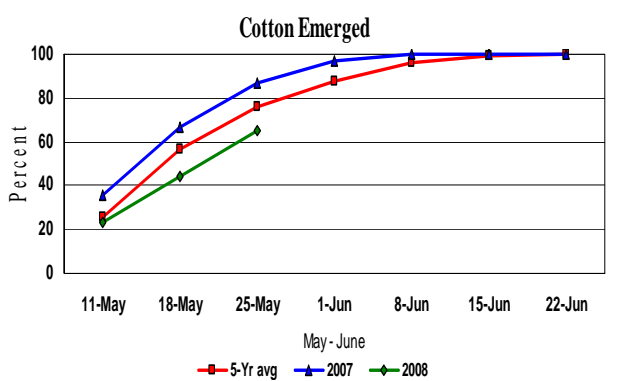
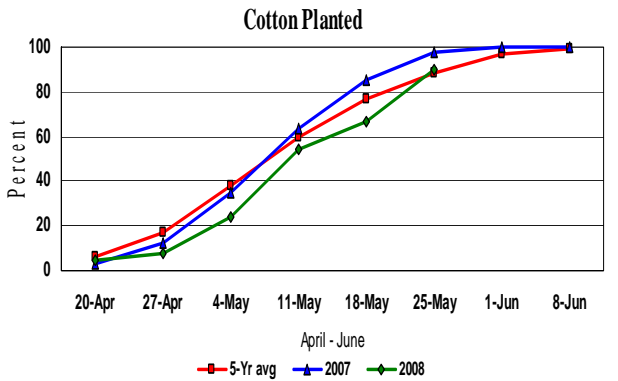
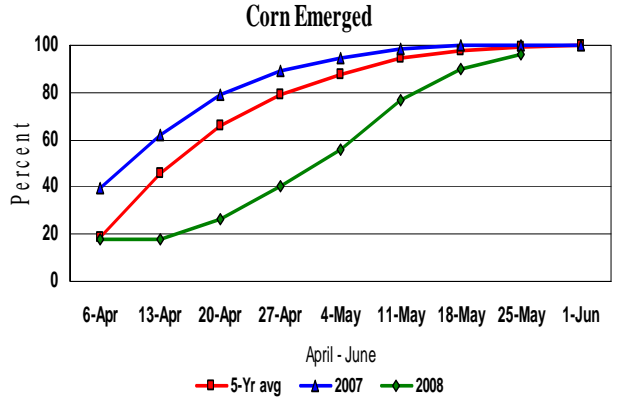
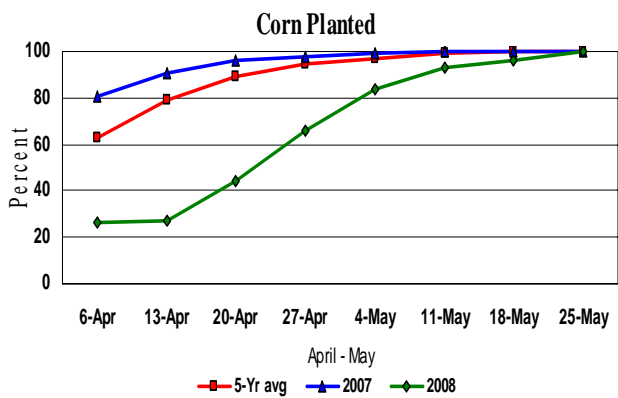
Livestock were in mostly fair to good condition. Ranchers continued their spring vaccinations to cattle. Pasture, range, and hay were reported in mostly good condition. Producers harvested hay and reported good yields.

### Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2007	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	100	96	100	100
	Emerged	96	90	100	99
Cotton	Planted	90	67	97	89
	Emerged	65	44	87	76
Rice	Planted	90	75	98	97
	Emerged	71	55	95	92
Sorghum	Planted	92	71	99	95
	Emerged	67	53	98	89
Soybeans	Planted	41	30	71	64
	Emerged	26	21	50	49

### Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	6	23	52	19
Cotton	0	9	38	46	7
Rice	2	4	31	55	8
Sorghum	1	9	40	43	7
Winter Wheat	5	14	36	41	4
Hay-Alfalfa	2	1	26	67	4
Hay-Other	1	1	37	59	2
Pasture and Range	0	2	28	65	5



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending May 25, 2008									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending May 25	4 wk Accum	4 wk Normal	Year to Date	
								2008	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	88	48	5	0.47	2.75	4.44	26.71	17.23
	Harrison	88	48	3	0.30	3.56	4.45	26.84	17.82
N. Central	Calico Rock	89	46	1	1.07	4.06	4.39	35.45	18.96
	Gilbert	89	45	1	1.55	5.24	4.62	41.39	18.21
	Greers Ferry	87	50	3	0.03	5.14	4.61	27.65	21.33
	Mtn. Home	89	49	4	0.75	5.26	4.35	37.08	18.50
Northeast	Batesville	86	49	2	0.47	3.10	4.49	26.85	20.12
	Blytheville	90	55	1	0.61	3.30	4.79	23.00	22.03
	Jonesboro	92	49	1	0.13	3.64	4.58	26.19	20.61
	Keiser	92	55	4	0.96	3.54	5.09	23.80	22.09
	Newport	89	55	1	0.10	1.69	4.37	28.78	20.79
W. Central	Booneville	91	51	1	0.00	4.57	5.17	31.48	19.61
	Clarksville	90	51	3	0.00	2.52	4.70	29.02	19.14
	Dardanelle	91	54	5	0.02	3.43	5.08	32.47	20.02
	Ft. Smith	93	56	5	0.00	2.88	4.72	25.89	17.27
	Mena	91	50	4	0.00	4.92	6.01	33.68	23.03
	Ozark	93	55	4	0.00	2.60	4.57	26.49	18.04
Central	Conway	89	55	2	0.44	2.33	4.20	28.25	20.18
	Hot Springs	93	55	4	1.29	3.35	5.79	32.64	23.76
	Little Rock	91	58	5	1.07	3.83	4.69	26.37	21.70
	Morrilton	89	52	2	0.17	1.55	4.68	25.49	19.98
	N. Little Rock	91	59	4	0.18	3.47	5.00	25.13	21.27
E. Central	Brinkley	90	55	4	0.00	3.11	5.24	24.87	22.61
	Marianna	91	56	3	0.57	3.79	4.91	29.07	23.60
	Stuttgart	92	57	2	0.10	3.32	4.73	24.04	22.08
	West Memphis	90	54	3	0.28	3.11	4.62	24.91	23.69
Southwest	DeQueen	92	50	5	0.05	3.16	5.55	21.22	22.56
	Hope	92	55	5	0.21	3.98	4.42	28.56	22.24
	Texarkana	91	59	3	0.69	5.67	3.79	24.21	18.58
S. Central	Camden	92	54	3	0.06	2.82	4.20	18.45	22.51
	El Dorado	92	53	3	0.01	4.16	4.87	16.46	23.58
	Warren	90	56	3	0.10	3.36	4.26	22.91	24.74
Southeast	Eudora	95	60	3	1.04	8.18	5.08	29.27	27.72
	Monticello	92	57	4	0.12	4.04	4.35	20.98	24.88
	Pine Bluff	92	56	4	0.12	2.40	4.60	18.42	22.83
	Rohwer	90	58	3	0.40	3.72	4.40	21.75	23.93

\*Departure from normal =  $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2}$  - 30 year average.

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